

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

We are now on the verge of living in a country which allows its most powerful and influential policy makers to completely control what we see, hear and read, much the same as other nations that these same hypocrites denounce. A word of warning to you power hungry media moguls: When I believe your message to be slanted and free of objectivity and contains no true investigatory content, I WILL exercise the most significant power I possess, which is I WILL turn off your TV channels, cancel my subscriptions to your newspapers, boycott your advertisers, etc., etc. In fact, I have already done this. I have boycotted FOX News because of its unabashed support of the Republican party and its platform, and when The Philadelphia Inquirer's editor called for the impeachment of my President, Bill Clinton, several years back, I called their office and let them know I would NEVER purchase or read their newspaper again, and I haven't, and I NEVER WILL!!!! Enough is enough! We live in America so that we can live in a democracy!!!